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MEMORANDUM TO: The Record

FROM :

SUBJECT :

Department of Justice, Liaison Clearing Authority

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1. Today a call was made by Col. Edwards and the undersigned upon Mr. D. M. Ladd, Assistant Director, FBI, who had been designated by the Attorney General as the Liaison Clearing Authority for the Department of Justice.

2. Col. Edwards emphasized the point that our discussion did not concern liaison operations with the FBI, as arrangements were currently in effect between CIA and FBI. The Col. referred to the Attorney General's designation of Mr. Ladd as contact for the Department of Justice. Mr. Ladd commented that he understood the distinction being discussed.

3. The undersigned mentioned to Mr. Ladd that, from the standpoint of CIA's operations, and presumably from the viewpoint of the operations of the Justice Department, we would prefer all contacts, either from Justice to CIA or vice versa, to go through Mr. Ladd. Mr. Ladd assented to this, and thought it would be by far the most desirable arrangement. The undersigned also mentioned that written intelligence material sent to Justice on the establishment of a requirement would be delivered to Mr. Ladd and dissemination would be restricted by name to as few individuals as possible who might have an official need for such information; and that in establishing the names of these individuals for any particular requirement we would like to have Mr. Ladd's advice concerning the operations of the Department. He replied that he would be glad to cooperate.

4. It was further mentioned to Mr. Ladd that CIA had established a contact control point, namely, Mr. [REDACTED] and that CIA contacts with the Department of Justice would first clear through this single point. By this procedure it was anticipated that contacts with Justice would be coordinated, and that we would not be calling upon them for duplicate information.

5. In closing the discussion, Mr. Ladd said that he would do his best to cooperate with the CIA, and that if at any time the CIA had questions to raise with the Justice Department he would be glad to do what he could to satisfactorily adjust them. Col. Edwards replied that CIA desired to cooperate in a similar manner, and that if at any time Mr. Ladd had questions to raise, CIA, in its turn, would be glad to dispose of them to the satisfaction of the Department of Justice.

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